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THE SILK MILL.

In the report of the last town council proceedings there appeared a reference to a discussion that took place when the Silk Mill and several other factories asked for a water plug to be placed in their vicinity. It was stated that the Silk Mill had agreed to put in a water plug at its own expense in consideration of its exemption from town tax, and that it had not complied with this agreement. We are informed that no such agreement was ever made in the case of the Silk Mill, and therefore it has violated no agreement. Every little while stress is put upon the fact that this factory pays no town tax, and that it is therefore entitled to no consideration. What have the Silk Mill people done for the town? Let us see. They have erected a splendid plant, the construction of which cost many thousands of dollars. This money was spent right here, among the artisans and material men. The principal owners pay taxes amounting annually to about five hundred dollars, including town taxes on their individual properties. During the hard times they have kept running, sometimes at a loss, and have paid out many thousands of dollars in wages. Their pay roll now amounts to sixty thousand dollars a year. Its bonds are considered one of the best investments in this community, because it is safely and carefully managed. Its loss by fire would be one of the greatest disasters that could befall the town. In the face of these facts the Silk Mill is certainly entitled to some consideration, and when it and several other important industries ask for so small a thing as a fire plug they ought not to be treated as though they are begging for favors. It is to the interest of the town to prevent these factories from being burned, and the plugs asked for ought to be granted. The town is a thousand times better off with these institutions, even though they have been exempted from town taxes for a term of years, than it would be without them though it received annually the amount of their taxes.

Again, it should not be forgotten that exemption from town taxes for a time, was one of the inducements that led the Silk Mill to locate here. They pay all other taxes except the town.

Many other towns are offering similar and greater inducements to get new industries to locate with them, and Bloomsburg, now that she has succeeded in getting what so many other places would be only too glad to secure, can afford to be as liberal minded as any other town in the state.

OTAWISSA'S STEEL VIADUCTS.

Important Improvements Completed by the Reading Company.

The work of replacing the high wooden trestles on the Catawissa Division of the Reading Railway with substantial steel viaducts has been completed, and much of the heavy through freight business now passing over the Shamokin division will be diverted to the Catawissa, insuring a material saving in the cost of transportation. The distance over both divisions is about the same from West Milton, but the grades on the Catawissa division are much easier, enabling the company to haul longer and heavier trains. With the substitution of the steel viaducts the company will also be enabled to run its heavy freight engines over the road. The double tracking of the road from Tamaqua to Reynolds has also been completed, adding to the facilities for handling the increased business that will come over the Catawissa.

Change of Firm.

An agreement has been entered into, by which the firm of Pursel & Harman will be dissolved on January 1st, 1898. Mr. Harman will go out of the firm, and will engage in other business, and Mr. Pursel will become the sole owner, and continue to conduct the business. In order to clear the stock, before the dissolution, some rare bargains are offered in their advertisement in this issue.

Joseph Sobers, who was a deputy sheriff at the recent strike and shooting affair at Hazleton, was surrounded by a big gang of foreigners at West Hazleton Saturday evening, and so badly beaten that his recovery is very doubtful. He would have been killed had it not been for the arrival of assistance. The miners swore at the time of the shooting that they would get even with the deputies and this is the first move toward carrying out their threat.

STATE RUNS INTO A SNAG.

Bloomsburg Normal Holds Them Down to Twelve Points.

The Normal eleven went to Bellefonte Friday and lined up against the strong State College team of that place. They played gilt edged ball as will be seen from the following account of the game sent from Bellefonte to the Phila. Press:

State's team ran into a big snag to-day when they lined up against the Bloomsburg State Normal School team on Beaver Field. With the wind favorable and the whole of the regular team in line, State could score but 12 points. Bloomsburg did not score. In the second half, Murry, at center, Diehl, and Cure were replaced by Gorr, Fulton and Rawn, respectively. Bloomsburg held their goal three times within a yard of their goal and got the ball on downs.

State scored three minutes before time was called on a series of mass plays on right tackle. Butts at center, and Smethers at right half, played a fine game for the Normal School, while Mechesney and Randolph did good work for State. The line up:

State. Positions. Bloomsburg.
Murry (Gorr).....center.....Butts
Randolph.....left guard.....Lamin
Clapper.....right guard.....Kiefer
Cartwright.....right tackle.....Kiefer
Sholl.....left tackle.....Donner
Kable.....right end.....E. Burns
Diehl (Rawn).....left end.....Derr
Curtin.....left half-back.....McGuffie
Cure (Fulton).....right half-back.....Smethers
Mechesney.....full-back.....Fox
Heckel.....quarterback.....Aldinger
Empire, Atherton of State. Referee, Mr. Lee of State. Touchdowns, Cure, Curtin. Goals from touchdowns, Mechesney 2. Score, 12 to 0.

OTHER GAMES.

Twenty-five thousand people saw University of Pennsylvania defeat Harvard by the score of 15 to 6 at Franklin Field Phila. Saturday afternoon. This virtually gives the College championship to Pennsylvania, as she has but one more game to play with Cornell to-day, but the result is not at all in doubt. Pennsylvania won because she had the best drilled team. She scored two touchdowns, a goal from a touch down and a goal from the field making a total of fifteen points.

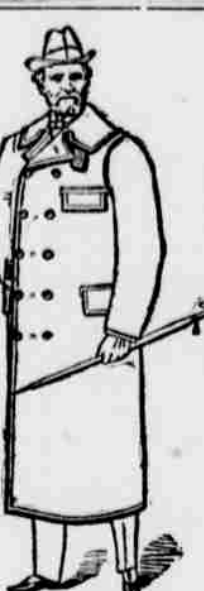
Harvard should not have scored, though Parker's run of half the length of the field was a brilliant effort, as Minds should have stopped him before he had gone fifteen yards. This score of Harvard's must therefore be viewed in the light of a fluke. Pennsylvania, on the other hand, should have almost doubled her score. A goal from the field by Morice so narrowly missed counting that the officials must have measured it with their eyes by a fraction of an inch. Then, too, Pennsylvania once lost the ball on Harvard's three-yard line and once on the five-yard line, and in both cases over-confidence no doubt cost them touchdowns.

But by far the greatest surprise to the athletic world was the defeat of Princeton by Yale. The score of 6 to 0 is as satisfactory to Yale as if it had been sixty. In fact it is more so. The unexpectedness of the victory added to the enjoyment of it and the Blue is deliriously happy. Her eleven played a grand game, maintaining consistent top form from the kick off to the final whistle. One can form some idea of the great surprise at the result of game when it is considered that many wagers were made at 3 to 1 that Yale would not score.

There seems to be a mistaken idea about the manner in which the letter carriers for the delivery system in Bloomsburg will be appointed. The appointments are not given to the persons receiving the highest averages at the examinations. It is the custom where there is only one person to be selected to send three names to the commission and the appointment is thus made from the three. But as it will require four, three carriers and one clerk in Bloomsburg, there will be twelve names submitted, and the persons who are considered the most capable will receive the appointments. Of course their examination averages will have to be sufficiently high to make them eligible.

A Massachusetts man has invented a contribution box with a bell attachment. When a penny is dropped in it rings very feebly, a nickel makes it louder, and a dollar brings out the fire department two blocks down the street. We should have one in Bloomsburg. The practice would do our fire department good, while the churches need the money.

For this Sale we offer men's fine fur, fedora and stiff hats in black, brown and colors, sold for \$1.25, some at \$1.50 and \$1.75. Sale price \$1.00.



CHILDREN'S ELEGANT SUIT NOVELTIES.

Beautiful Vestee and Reefer Suits, ages 3 to 8, beautifully braided, full \$3.50 value, at **\$2.50**
Elegant Vestee, Reefer, Blouse and Junior Suits of regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 quality at **\$3.98**

BOY'S KNEE PANT SUITS,

ages 4 to 15, made from all wool material in the newest shades of brown and gray plaids and fancy mixtures. Small sizes made in refer style with deep sailor collars, trimmed with braid to match, good value at \$3.00. We offer this week at the special low price of **\$1.95**

LITTLE BOYS'

Strictly all wool Brownie and Vestee Suits, in new shades of fancy plaids and checks, sailor collars, and extra vests to match, all finished with braid and soutache trimmings, size 3 to 8. Garments that cannot be duplicated elsewhere for less than \$4.00. We offer at the extreme low price of **\$2.95**

SPECIAL SALE.

Boys' flannel Shirt Waists and Blouses, consisting of our finest French Cricketing and Middlesex flannels in cardinal navy, brown, tan, white and black colors, worth up to \$2.00, all made up, silk cord laced front, of the celebrated Mothers' Friend and Star brand. We've divided them into lots and offer your choice at **49c, 69c and 98c**
These are exceptionally good bargains.

The Mighty Seat of Value Giving

with its immense stocks of Honest, Reliable Merchandise was never more crowded than during the past week. Busy buyers from every nook and corner of the County elbowed each other; the rich man, the poor man, the farmer, the laborer, the mechanic—all find their clothing wants here at this store; 'twould indeed be carelessness on your part were you to buy without looking over the immense lines here. (On account of alterations to be made so as to combine this store with Jones & Walter's business, whose store and stock we take possession of on Jan. 1st, and in order to reduce the stock down to its lowest point to allow carpenters and masons plenty of room, we've made reductions on certain lines of goods which close, careful buyers cannot overlook.)

Gentlemen's fine trousers, men's very fine trousers, made of all wool chevviots, in black and fancy gray stripes, cut with fashionable medium or narrow legs, continuous waist bands, tailor made, worth \$4.00. Special low price for this sale \$2.50 and \$3.00.

OVERCOATS AND ULSTERS.

There is no doubt that our stock this season contains the greatest assortment of Overcoats and Ulsters in central Pennsylvania. Our showing of Stouts, Slims, Long and Extra Sizes alone is larger than the entire line of most houses. We use only the most reliable of the high grade fabrics for our Overcoats. Our linings are of the finest quality, and every yard used in the construction of these garments is tested for color and tenacity. All of our garments are strengthened with a double seam at the arm holes, and we warrant the silk and satin sleeve linings in every one of our Fall and Winter Overcoats and Ulsters to wear two seasons; if they do not, we will reline the sleeves free of charge. There is another important feature that has done much to make Giddings Overcoats popular and that is the design. The grace and practicality of our Overcoat Designs have never been approached by any other retailer, and they are very properly termed important features, because the fit, style, adaptability to the human figure—in fact the whole outward appearance of the garment depends almost entirely upon them. Call and see these garments and note the following great specials offered to the readers of the COLUMBIAN.

OVERCOATS in kersey and Australian beaver cloths, with deep velvet collar, plain seams and heavy farmers' satin body lining and iron cloth sleeve lining, guaranteed strictly all wool and first class. The Ulsters consist of blue, black and gray Irish frieze and chinchillas, lined with triple warp farmers' satin body lining, and iron cloth sleeve lining, with deep storm collar and cut extra long. These we guarantee to be the best \$10 garments on earth.

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OVERCOATS in black, blue and brown kersey and melton cloths, made up both plain and fancy, with leather cloth body lining and iron cloth and skinner satin sleeve linings, with deep silk velvet collar, and made up raw edge and lap seams throughout. A very special bargain at **\$12.00.**
Actually worth \$15.00.

MEN'S WINTER SUITS.

Stylish, durable, full of elegance, in neat Scotch mixtures, plaids and overplaids, black, blue, or grays, tailored first class throughout and perfect fitting, a suit that you can feel dressed up in without going too deep into one's pocket, no better ones are retailed at \$10 right in the city. Come and see these.

\$7.50
At 9, 10 and \$12, with rich and elegant suits in all this season's new and fancy weaves, made up in best custom style, we'll warrant you good substantial young men's suits, age 14 to 19.

BOYS' LONG PANTS SUITS,

Ages 14 to 19 years, single and double breasted styles, made of the finest all-wool Boswick Burns Chevviots, Scotch Tweeds and Fancy Worsteds, in the latest effects of gray, brown, olive and greenish plaids and mixtures, extra well lined and tailored, cut in the height of fashion, made to retail at \$10, but our great purchase enables us to lower them to **\$7.50**

BOYS' ULSTERS,

Ages 14 to 19 years, made of all wool black and gray Irish frieze with high protecting storm collar, hand warming pockets, extra heavy wool lining, well made, warm and comfortable, made to sell for \$8, but the great purchase enables us to sell 'em at **6.50**

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GIDDING & CO.,

Nearly opposite Court House, BLOOMSBURG, PA. Two doors below Post Office.

THANKSGIVING.

Once more we are nearing the day set apart for our annual Thanksgiving: see more 'The Ladies' Union Benevolent Society ask the good people of our town to remember the worthy poor in the collection to be taken at the Union Service and to give liberally.

Last year the collection taken for that purpose amounted to... \$ 61.66
Received afterwards:
From Mrs. D. J. Waller, 25.00
Miss Laura Waller, 10.00
Dr. Brown, 7.00
Mrs. Slate, 5.00
Mrs. Dr. Brown, 2.00
Mrs. Dr. Welsh, 2.00
By mail (giver unknown), 2.00
William Neal, 2.00
Mr. McKillip, 2.00
Rob. Hartman, 1.00
C. G. Barkley, 1.00
Miss Wasley, 1.00
Rev. McLinn, 1.00
Mrs. McKinney, 0.50
Mr. Millard, 0.30
Mrs. Capwell, 0.25
Making cash.....123.71
I also received of G. W. Keiter flour and cornmeal to the amount of..... 7.10
Groceries of Mr. Riggins,.... 9.72
Vegetables and provisions,.... 10.55
Calico, gingham and bedding 5.18
Box of shoes from Jones & Walter..... 8.00
Meat from different butchers,.... 7.10
Amounting, all told, to..... 43.63
Making a sum total of..... 167.34
To the uninitiated this may look like a large sum, quite sufficient to meet all demands; but to one who has been in the work for twenty consecutive years it is known to be just about one-half of what is needed to relieve cases where absolute distress is found. We do not attempt to help all the poor—as a rule, only where sickness is found in connection with actual want. Now, I have paid out since last Thanksgiving, for the needy sick, \$269.78. It is all paid, and they who made up the deficiency do not grudge one cent of it. They believe the promise of Scripture which says: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will remember him in time of trouble." They have also proved the truth of

that other Scripture saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." But they can make up no such deficiencies this year; and so I ask the good people of town to give as you have received from the Giver of all good, that no worthy needy ones may go unassisted.

Provisions of all kinds, half-worn clothing (so it is clean and neatly mended), anything to eat, drink or wear will be thankfully received and judiciously used.

MRS. M. C. WALKER,
Agent for the Society.

A Rare Treat For All.

It will be welcome news to the many who heard Prof. Van Liew's lecture last year in the Tabernacle on "Slums of New York by Flash-light," to know that he is to return to Bloomsburg. He will deliver this celebrated lecture in the New Methodist Church on Saturday evening Dec. 11. The usual admission is 25c. and the lecture fully worth that amount and more. But in order to give all the people an opportunity to enjoy this entertainment it has been decided to sell no tickets but to take a silver offering at the door. The church is large but will doubtless be filled with people eager to see the magnificent pictures and hear the thrilling story. About one hundred large clear views will be thrown by two 750 candle-power oxy-hydrogen calcium lights upon a large double screen, supported by a poplar and brass frame 18 feet square. Remember the date, Saturday Dec. 11, and be sure to make all arrangements to attend and take your family along.

Turkeys have been plentiful on the streets for the past few days, and have been selling at ten to twelve cents a pound. Purchasers will do well to see that the scales used in weighing the birds are accurate. One huckster on Tuesday used a spring scale that made his turkeys weigh about two pounds more than actual weights, and his customers got on to it and made him refund the difference. It may have been an honest mistake, but it is just as well to see that you are getting all you pay for by weighing the birds on correct scales.

An Indignation Meeting.

The Ministerial Association of Sunbury and Northumberland held a public meeting in the court house, Saturday evening at eight o'clock. The meeting was called for the purpose of protesting against the verdict of the coroner's jury, which held an inquest over the body of W. E. Wallace, who was found dead on the night of October 30th. The ministers do not approve of the verdict and threaten to prosecute the saloon keepers who sold the young man intoxicating liquors. The verdict was "That W. E. Wallace came to his death from valvular heart disease caused by over stimulation, and the jury further find that there is no person or persons responsible or blamable either directly or indirectly." The ministers take the stand that the saloon keepers who sold drink to the deceased were at least indirectly blamable, as he was a minor.

Company Store Law Violated.

An important suit was tried before Squire Brogan, at Beaver Meadow. The Lehigh Valley Coal Company was the defendant and John D. Cannon, Patrick Dougherty, James Boyle, Andrew H. Higgins, William Dynon and Patrick Herron were the prosecutors. The men had incurred a debt in the general store of Dougherty & Co., at Yorktown, and the Lehigh Valley Company, for whom the men worked, retained the wages of the complainants as payment for the bills contracted. The men did not object to the liquidation of the debt by easy installments, but they did object to their entire wages being kept from them. The defendants failed to appear and Squire gave judgment in favor of the plaintiffs.

County Institute will open next Monday. The first entertainment will take place that evening and will be given by the Rogers-Griley combination. Mr. Rogers is an expert performer on the harp, and Mr. Griley will give a number of recitations. All the entertainments will be held in Normal Auditorium.

A New Scheme.

Two men travel together, one has a kodak or something resembling it. One of them goes to a farm house and tells the family that he is getting up a history of that section to publish in a leading paper, and wants to make a picture of the family and the buildings, telling the farmer it will not cost a cent. The family group themselves out in front and the operator is quite a while in getting a satisfactory picture. At last it is done and he takes his leave telling them about what time they can expect to see the paper with it in. During this time his confederate has looted the house, taking money, jewelry and watches. In one instance the kodak was a cigar box covered with leather.—Phillipsburg Journal.

Court Proceedings.

Court was in session a short time Saturday afternoon.
J. L. Reece appointed Guardian of Laura M. and Eva Belles, minor children of C. L. Belles, deceased.
Argument Court fixed for December 23, 1897.
A petition to Laura L. Belles was presented for Clerk of O. C. to make deed.
Time for filing audit report of the estate of Clinton W. Lewis, continued until Nov. 26.
Estate of Henry Hirlman, deceased, Petition of purchaser of Real estate for Clerk of O. C. to make deed, filed.
Parkerson Perrego appointed Committee ad litem of Chas. Edwards a lunatic.

The second trial of the alleged wife murderer, Adolph Luetgert, at Chicago will commence this week. Luetgert refuses to go into court or be tried for his life before Judge Horton, who he says is prejudiced. "If they put 50 shackles and seven horses on me they cannot drag me into court before Horton" declared the big sausage maker. "They may as well kill me right here in my cell. If they want to hang me so bad I'll save them the trouble, I'll do it myself. They needn't do it."